adjustment of customs tariffs would be taken to siphon out the unearned profits of multinationals and other drug manufacturers producing drugs with imported basic raw material or imported semi-processed or penultimate drugs;

(b) if so, whether customs tarifis enhancement and adjustment would be done from the same date from which tne Drug Prices Equalisation Account (DPEA) is to be done away with; and

(c) whether these increases in customs duty would be drug-wise or class-wise especially in view of the wide variety of drugs and highly variable profit-margin offered by various imported drug items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (c) Necessary steps to be taken in the matter can be decided only after the recommendations of the Ministry of Industry (Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals), who are still working out the details, are finalised.

Liberalised Pension Rules

4032. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that widows of those Central Government employees/officials who retired from their services prior to 1962 or died in harness during that period are not yet getting any pension as per the liberalised pension rules;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action is being taken to provide them with family pension as per the liberalised pension rules?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) to (c) Liberalised family pension in terms of rule 54 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 has been extended w.e.f. 22-9-1977 to the widows of all Government servants who were borne in pensionable establishments and retired/died in service prior to 1-1-1964 or thereafter irrespective of the fact whether the Government servants had opted for 1964 family pension scheme or not.

The Government have no details about widows who are not yet getting family pension as per liberalised pension rules.

Dowry by IAS Probationers

4033. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the alleged getting of dowry amounting to as much as rupees fifty lakhs by IAS probationers in Lal Bahadur Shastri Academy in Mussoorie;

(b) whether this amounts to corruption by IAS probationers; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to check this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) While no specific case has been reported, a Group of women has complain to the Minister of State that a n ber of probationers have been c or have received dowry.

(b) Giving or taking dowry is offence under the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.